

“UNITED VOICES for SEX OFFENSE REFORM”

General Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, November 15, 2022, 7:30 PM EST / Via ZOOM

Attendees: 17

Overview

- Review the last regular meeting
- Update Action/Open Task Items

Notes

- 11/1/2022 meeting minutes were approved and will be posted on the [website](#)
- Non-profit update – Shawn L.
- Upcoming speakers for 2023 – Shawn L. and Jenny L.
- Advocacy Participation Committee update – Kim H.
- 2022 Christmas Greeting Campaign update – Kim H. and Shawn L.

New Business

1. Fundraising Committee/Project – Rita B.
2. P/R Marketing Committee – Jenny L.
3. Open Task Issues – Group

Group Discussion

1. Non-Profit – Shawn L.
 - Non-Profit Certification is still pending, we are down 90 days of the possible 180-day waiting period and hoping to have it by January.
 - The UV4SOR Board is hosting a “Holiday Cocktail Hour” on Friday, 12/2/2022 at 8:00 p.m. EST via Zoom. All group members are welcome to attend and enjoy some camaraderie and visit with/get to know our fellow UV4SOR advocates. The announcement and link will be emailed and posted in the Facebook group.
 - The next board meeting will be on Sunday 1/8/2023.
2. Upcoming Speaker/s – Shawn L. and Jenny L.
 - Walt Pavlo will be our speaker on January 24, 2023. Walt is an author and reporter for [Forbes Magazine](#). He is the founder and president of Prisonology, LLC which is an expert firm with a concentration on policy related to federal incarceration. <http://prisonology.com/about-us/>
 - [Dr. Stephanie Jerstad](#) from Millersville University in PA will be our speaker on February 21, 2023. Her dissertation research at Southern Illinois University focused on the willingness of long-term care facilities to accept persons convicted of sexual offending into their care as residents.
3. Advocacy Participation Committee Update – Kim H.
 - Kim H. reviewed and updated the progress on the State Coalitions Project, reaching out to state leader volunteers, creating an advisory board, and a membership announcement.
 - The State Coalition Charter, with changes to clarify intent, has been submitted to the UV4SOR Board for further review.

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- Questions were answered regarding the purpose and goals for each state, and the similarities in advocacy for both state and federal reform.
- Kim H. will give an update on the project and the ongoing work to update the FB membership at the meeting on 1/10/2023.

4. 2022 Christmas Greeting Campaign Update – Kim H. and Shawn L.
A post was made in the group to announce and explain the campaign to send holiday wishes to those who are incarcerated. The spreadsheet from last year is being updated with current responses received and will be shared with those who volunteer to mail greetings. Another group post will be made asking for submissions to be made by Sunday, November 20th with the goal of mailing by November 30th.

5. Fundraising Committee Update – Rita B.

Rita explained the new fundraising project that has been started through [Sockathon](#). Detailed information will be posted in the Facebook group and a link will be added on the [website](#). UV4SOR will receive 50% of all profits from orders placed.

6. P/R Marketing Committee – Jenny L.

Matt Duhamel, who was a previous guest as “The Outspoken Offender”, has started a new project called “[The Good Lens](#)”. He provides marketing videos for advertising which can be used for educational, informational, and networking purposes on various platforms. He has offered to record an interview with UV4SOR, which he will make available to us at no charge. Jenny will confirm and arrange details with him.

7. Open Task issues and updates – Group
(See Action/Open Task Items below)

Roundtable

1. New member introductions

No new members attended this meeting.

2. The group discussed various issues of state and federal prisons and how to address them, how to effectively advocate for changes, and who we can contact at various levels of government.

Next meeting date is Tuesday, January 10, 2023, at 7:30 p.m. EST.

9:05 p.m. EST meeting adjourned.

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Action/Open Task Items:

Item #	Meeting Date	Description	Owner	Completion Date
1.	8/3/21	Update the contact lists as elections occur.	Dawn, Gail, Melanie, Sharon	On-Going
4.	Ongoing	Research Federal and State Guidelines. Work to narrow down specific subjects for each state, such as the registry. Post on the website.	Shawn, Sharon, Kim H.	On-Going
7.	Ongoing	Provide updated Non-profit status after board meeting on 1/8/2023.	Shawn	1/10/2023
15.	12/7/21	Web Design Changes: Attach Amazon Smile account to the donate page and add non-profit description.	Shawn	1/2023
19.	10/12/21	Documentary Series and Guest Speakers follow-up.	Jenny, Shawn	Ongoing
22.	2/1/22	Betty’s Letter Writing/Story Campaign and Committee.	Betty	Ongoing
23.	Ongoing	Work on website for contact form submissions to be forwarded to the UV email account. Review list of changes with our website designer Eric.	Shawn, Sharon	Ongoing
28.	3/1/22	Post in group regularly about our recipe book fundraising project, solicit recipes and artwork from group members’ LO. Publication details are TBD.	Pammy, Sharon	Ongoing
29.	3/1/22	Determine committees needed, establish committee heads, and solicit volunteers to join each one.	Group	Ongoing
31.	Ongoing	Update website adding new pages, buttons, and drop-down menus as needed.	Shawn, Sharon	Ongoing
32.	3/29/22	Research making appointments with elected officials to be scheduled during the March 2023 Washington, D.C. event. Update at January meeting.	Jenny, Shawn	Ongoing
33.	4/12/22	Advocacy Participation Project: Compile group member information for a spreadsheet to identify members by state, gather contact information, establish the interests and skills of each person, and create a mentoring program. Initiate volunteers to head each state coalition.	Kim H.	Ongoing
34.	4/26/22	Follow and update on the Reentry 2030 project and future events.	Rita	Ongoing